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Riverside County Superior Court Appoints New Executive Officer

Riverside, CA – The Superior Court of California, County of Riverside named Ms. Inga McElyea to be its new Executive Officer. After a vote by the bench, Presiding Judge Douglas Miller offered the vacant position to Ms. McElyea late last week. Ms. McElyea accepted the offer and her tenure began on Thursday, June 12, 2003.

"I am confident that Inga will provide the necessary leadership to ensure that our court maintains its reputation for innovation and excellence," said Presiding Judge Douglas Miller. "Her dynamic leadership style and commitment and dedication to this organization has been proven time and again; and, I am certain that she will continue to provide the motivation and inspiration necessary to carry this court to a higher level."

Ms. McElyea began her court career in 1977 as a temporary clerk in the accounting division of the Riverside Municipal Court. She has worked in both the superior and municipal courts of Riverside County in a variety of capacities and has expertise in all aspects of the court's ministerial functions. Ms. McElyea left the Riverside Courts for a brief period to become a Branch Manager for the San Bernardino County Courts; she returned to Riverside in 1990 as an Operations Manager in charge of the Superior Court's Western Region Operations. In 1994, she became a Deputy Executive Officer when the Riverside County Superior and Western Riverside County Municipal Courts consolidated; and, in 1996, Ms. McElyea was promoted to Assistant Executive Officer for the Mid-County Region Courts. This past January, she was appointed as Acting Court Executive Officer.

Ms. McElyea's duties include managing a staff of over 800 employees, responding to the needs of 69 judicial officers, and overseeing court operations in sixteen separate facilities located throughout a county spanning over 7,200 square miles – California's third largest.